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Re: C00305110 - A Lot of People Who Support Jeff Bingaman
12 Day Pre-Primary Election Report (4/1/06 - 5/17/06)

This letter is in response to a request for additional information from the Federal Election Commission dated June 20, 2006. Two contributions were listed by the FEC as being excessive. (see attached)

The first in question was an aggregate of contributions from an individual, Sam D. Cobb. The contributions from Mr. Cobb for the 2006 Primary Election reported by our committee and listed in the letter from the FEC do not exceed \$2,100. There was a contribution from Mr. Cobb that was reported by our committee for the 2006 General Election and listed likewise by the FEC. It should also be noted from our report, that there is a contributor by the name of Sam G. Cobb, who is a different individual. Contributions from each of these individuals and as reported to the FEC are within the federal limit of \$2,100 per election.

The second item involves two PAC's (Duke Energy and Cinergy) which recently became affiliated. Our committee was unaware of this merger. The attached press release which we obtained as a result of this inquiry, states that the merger was effective April 3, 2006. All of the contributions, with the exception of the one that our committee received on May 9, 2006 were made prior to the merger, when Duke and Cinergy were two separate entities. It is our interpretation that each PAC had separate limits, and therefore, should be not aggregated prior to April 3, 2006. As we are within the 60 day window of the contribution that occurred after the merger, Duke Energy PAC has agreed to redesignate \$1,000 to our 2006 General Election. This will be reflected in our quarterly report for the period ending June 30.

We assume that this redesignation is the only action required on our part. If this is not the case or if you need additional information, please contact me at (505) 332-3711.

Sincerely,



Lori D. Peterkin
Assistant Treasurer and Custodian of Records

cc: Federal Election Commission

Paid For and Authorized by "A Lot of People Who Support Jeff Bingaman", Vince Murphy, Treasurer

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in an election cycle. Contributions or gifts to "A Lot of People Who Support Jeff Bingaman" are not tax deductible. Corporate contributions are prohibited.



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